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SUBJECT: MNLF/ISLAMIC CONFERENCE/GOP NEGOTIATIONS

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AGAIN DEFENSE SECRETARY PONCE-ENRILE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY
TO KEEP US ADVISED ON AT LEAST HIS THINKING REGARDING
CURRENT STATE OF PLAY OF SUBJECT NEGOTIATIONS. AT THE
AIRPORT APRIL 29 AWAITING THE RETURN OF PRESIDENT MARCOS
FROM TOKYO, ENRILE INDICATED THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE REACHED
AN IMPASSE ON TWO BASIC POINTS ON WHICH HE WILL RECOMMEND
NO RETREAT TO MARCOS. THESE POINTS (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED)
ARE: COMPOSITION OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT (WHICH GOP
INSISTS SHOULD BE FOUR MNLF, THREE NON-MNLF AND FOUR OTHERS
FOR A TRANSITION PERIOD TO BE DETERMINED BY MARCOS);
AND ORGANIZATION OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGIME (WHICH GOP
INSISTS SHOULD HAVE ONE LEGISLATURE FOR ALL THIRTEEN
PROVINCES, BUT WITH A SEPARATE EXECUTIVE FOR THE TWO
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REGIONS, AND WITH THE THREE OUTSIDE PROVINCES COMING
DIRECTLY UNDER THE GOP). ENRILE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE
WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD MEET WITH MARCOS
LATER TONIGHT.

ACCORDING TO ENRILE, IT IS MOST IMPORTANT FOR THE GOP TO
ESTABLISH A RECORD THAT CAN BE DEFENDED BEFORE THE
ISLAMIC CONFERENCE IN MID-MAY. HE SAID HE BELIEVES THE

GOP NOW HAS ACHIEVED SUCH A POSITION, ESSENTIALLY MEETING ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE TRIPOLI AGREEMENT, AND ONE THAT WOULD BE PERSUASIVE BEFORE THE COURT OF WORLD OPINION. HE ADDED THAT THE GOP SHOULD NOT BE THE ONE TO BREAK OFF NEGOTIATIONS; RATHER THAT ONUS SHOULD BE ON THE LYBIANS IF IT COMES TO THAT.

ENRILE ADMITTED TO BEING FACINATED BY THE BRILLIANCE AND DEXTERITY OF LYBIAN NEGOTIATING TECHNIQUE. HE CLAIMED THAT CORDIAL PERSONAL RELATIONS WERE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT WITH "NO ACRIMONY, NO HARSH OR EVEN LOUD WORDS".
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